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DATES TO REMEMBER

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15th to WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17th — Annual Conference, Berridge House, W. Hampstead.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30th—6.30 p.m., Mr. F. T. Hilliger, Caxton Hall lecture.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10th—6.30 p.m., Annual At Home and Bring and Buy Sale, Caxton Hall, Westminster.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13th to THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16th—Midland Region Conference, Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Derbyshire.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31st—6.30 p.m., Annual Remembrance Service, St. Martin-in-the-Fields.

List of autumn public lectures is being arranged as we go to Press and members will be notified by post, according to their particular areas.

OUR ANNUAL AT HOME

Members are reminded that one of our "highlights" of the year is drawing near—our Annual At Home at Caxton Hall, which this year is being combined with a Bring and Buy Sale, on Friday, October 10th, at 6.30 p.m. It is hoped that we shall have an even larger gathering than in previous years, and that we shall have the pleasure of again welcoming members from all parts of the country.

Full particulars appeared in our June issue, but any members who have not yet applied for their tickets should now do so without delay to Mrs. J. Sydney, 47 Philbeach Gardens, S.W.5, enclosing ticket price 4/- and stamped addressed return envelope. No applications can be received after the maximum accommodation number of 200 has been filled, so to avoid disappointment *do not delay*.

1958 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

OUR next big Fellowship event is the Annual Conference, which is being held at Berridge House, Fortune Green, West Hampstead, on September 15th, 16th and 17th. The programme is set forth below:—

MONDAY, 15th—

5.0 p.m. Opening address by the Rev. J. D. Pearce-Higgins, M.A.

8.0 p.m. Brains Trust: Question Master, the Rev. Dr. Ivor Machin, Vicar of Andover and member of the B.B.C. "Round Britain Quiz" team.

TUESDAY, 16th—

9.15 a.m. Brigadier R. C. Firebrace, C.B.E. Subject: "Apparitions."

11.0 a.m. The Rev. Canon A. P. Shepherd, D.D., Subject: "Spiritual Knowledge as World Salvation."

2.30 p.m. Study Groups.

5.0 p.m. The Rev. J. L. Crowlesmith. Subject: "Religious Significance of Psychical Studies."

8.0 p.m. Mrs. Ena Twigg; address and clairvoyance demonstration.

WEDNESDAY, 17th—

9.15 a.m. Mrs. A. P. Goldney, Society of Psychical Research, subject: "The Critical Approach to Psychic Research."

11.0 a.m. General discussion and summing up.

Times of meals: Breakfast, 8.0 a.m.; Lunch, 1.0 p.m.; Tea, 4.0 p.m.; Dinner, 7.0 p.m.

It is regretted that owing to a typographical error in the June issue of *The Quarterly Review*, the prices for Berridge House accommodation and meals were incorrectly stated. They are as follows: For full residence, 30/- per day, or £3 for the complete Conference. For separate meals the charge is: Lunch, 4/6; Tea, 2/-; Dinner, 5/-. Non-resident fees at lectures, members 2/- per lecture, non-members, 3/-.

Please note that the *latest date* for receiving applications is *Thursday, 11th September.* (Apply Mrs. G. Vivian, 46 Lyford Road, London, S.W.18)

STUDY GROUPS

A number of members have asked for the names and addresses of the Secretaries of the various Study Groups and in order not to encroach on the space of the Q.R. we are inserting a separate leaflet in this issue. Combined with this will be found a Bankers' Order Form. Here again, if members would kindly arrange to have their subscriptions forwarded direct from their Bank this would save them and us additional work each year.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

The Archbishops' Report on Healing, to which we make more detailed reference on another page, has, nevertheless, done two good things. It has given greater publicity, through the Press, to the increasing demand for spiritual healing, and it has shown the clergy generally that it is no longer a matter which they can ignore. It also made two important admissions: first, of the Church's failure "faithfully to carry out Our Lord's commission to heal," and secondly, lack of teaching "a doctrine of the hereafter . . more convincingly and simply."

Now that there has been sufficient time for everyone to have studied the Report fully, it is generally accepted as being one of the most perfect examples of "fence-sitting" publications ever issued. It is completely lacking in any direction or guidance, and no findings are made on the individual evidence collected.

An equally serious aspect is that criticism has been made in matters on which most of its members have not taken the trouble to acquire the necessary knowledge. In parts of the Report it would seem that the clerics on the commission do not even know their own Bible. Here is one sentence: "The Church . . . is charged with a commission to heal the sick. The evidence of the New Testament clearly leads us to this conclusion. Among the Church's members are certain who are specially entrusted with a ministry to the sick, notably clergy and doctors and nurses." There is no evidence anywhere in the New Testament that such a limited group of people were "specially entrusted."

It is interesting that the Report goes so far as to say that "the parish priest . . . has a clear duty to inform himself adequately about the teaching and practice" of such matters as psychic research, in view of the fact that so many of the clergy resolutely set their faces against making any kind of study of the subject.

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Research obviously must form an important part of our work in the Churches' Fellowship, and it is therefore gratifying to know that our research programme has been reorganised on a more progressive and practical footing, and the Research Committee reconstituted. A report on this appears in another part of this Review.

We are also anxious to encourage research on a regional basis, as several of our Study Groups include among the members such useful people as doctors, scientists and experienced investigators. In addition to the Central Research Committee, it is hoped to set up as soon as possible regional research groups, that will enable us to extend our work more widely.

There seems to have been a little confusion recently as to what part Associate members can take in our work. They have all the privileges of full membership except voting powers and holding office, and many of them prove of the greatest value in the investigations which we have at heart. All Study Groups, however, must consist of a proportion of not less than two-thirds full members.

As Churchmen we must acknowledge in all humility that many have already left the ranks, as far as active attendance at church goes, because they have failed to find help or satisfaction in their spiritual needs, aspirations, problems and insights.

It is just these people—often the most spiritual and *sensitive* among us—who can help us most in our research work. Among them are many who have been brought up in membership of an orthodox church. But, if they have already felt themselves drawn or driven into other affiliations or churches not belonging to the World Council of Churches, we would ask them to be realistic in their classification of themselves according to present and not past definitions. At the same time we would earnestly ask them to support and help us in this new search for a wider basis of understanding and fellowship.

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The Dean of St. Paul's, writing a few weeks ago in *The Daily Telegraph*, on "The Awakened Mind," said: "The awakening of the mind is more wonderful and more beautiful than the unfolding of a flower or the opening of the eyes of a little child in the light of dawn. It is the beginning of a 'person,' who is now becoming aware of himself and of his complex and mysterious nature."

How appropriate that is to those whose minds have become awakened to the realities of the life of the world to come. It has been with them the beginning of a new person, who has acquired an entirely new value—not only of the next life but also of this present earthly one. This is the "awakening" that is the aim and duty of every individual member of the C.F.P.S. to get across to his fellow men and women.

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When addressing the recent East Anglican Conference, the Rev. J. Crowlesmith had these words to say about the C.F.P.S.: "I would say that I believe most sincerely we are being led by God himself along the path of psychic research. I thank God for the formation and promotion of the C.F.P.S. I think perhaps in the long run it will be seen to be one of the most significant movements of our time, religiously speaking. And yet we must exercise our critical faculty and do our best to separate the wheat from the chaff, and I am very anxious that the Christian Church should bear her full part in this new investigation. There is a great need for a Christian approach to these

phenomena, which I believe are valid, and that is the reason I am here and anxious to do all I can to support its work."

At the Annual General Meeting a proposal was submitted by the Exeter Group that the title of the Fellowship should be altered, and that the word "Psychical" should be amended, on the grounds that it frightened away a certain type of clergy. An alternative title suggested was "Study of Spiritual Gifts."

The Council, although it is the governing body, has the duty to take note of and act accordingly on any proposals coming from the floor of the hall at the Annual General Meeting. They have, therefore, made a point of ascertaining the views of as many groups and committees and individual members as possible, and the result is that so far there is no support from any other direction for this change. In fact, it has been overwhelmingly rejected, not only on the grounds of administrative difficulties but also on policy. The view that seems to be generally held is that the "study of spiritual gifts" would give no true idea at all of our line of study, and that any attempt to camouflage the words "psychical study" would do much more harm than good by implying that we had not the courage to acknowledge openly what we are studying and investigating.

It is true that we are by no means concerned only with psychical phenomena, but are concerned with the higher spiritual aspects including prayer and meditation, healing and so on. But one member has very aptly pointed out the dictionary definition of "psychical study," which is: "Enquiry into phenomena implying connection with another world." The C.F.P.S. puts the fully liberal interpretation on that definition, which when considered will be seen to include healing, prayer, etc.

We shall, however, be glad to hear the views of any other members who would care to get in touch with us on the matter.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS CLERICAL SOCIETY

On July 1st the Rev. F. S. W. Simpson, a member of the Council, addressed the monthly meeting of the Bury St. Edmunds Clerical Society, founded 1885, which has a maximum number of thirty. About twenty of the members attended. A lively discussion followed the paper, and a number of questions were asked. It was evident that a keen interest was shown in the subject. One member said he indeed welcomed the work and aims of the Fellowship, especially if it could contribute in any way to bring home to the present generation facts conducive to the proof of personal survival beyond death, since it was just the one thing that so many people did not accept to-day.

UNUSUAL CAXTON HALL LECTURE

A lecture of unusual interest will be given to members of the Fellowship and their friends at Caxton Hall on Tuesday, 30th September, at 7 p.m. The speaker will be Mr. F. T. Hilliger, a noted graphologist, who some time ago was called in to give his expert opinion on the automatic writings received by one of our own members, Miss Grace Rosher. This lady had never had any previous experience of this nature before, but one day found her hand being controlled, and the writings were in the identical handwriting of a communicator who has passed over some years ago. The graphologist made detailed examination of these writings and letters written by the communicator in his life-time, and has now pronounced that they are undoubtedly *written by the same hand.* This is some of the most evidential matter that has come the way of our research committee.

Mr. Hilliger has been interested in graphological investigation of personality since his late teens, but has never had any experience of this kind in his life before. Early in 1952 he carried out research work in the British Museum, in order to satisfy himself that the graphological approach was sound —scientifically and psychologically. Following that, he became a private pupil of Dr. Eric Singer, of Vienna University, who had made a specific study of English handwriting.

Mr. Hilliger is now a recognised authority on the analysis of handwriting for self-knowledge, personnel selection, vocational guidance, forensic examination of questioned documents such as forgeries, and the identification of writers of anonymous letters. At his Caxton Hall lecture, Mr. Hilliger will give a description of the examination of the handwriting of the late Mr. G. E. Burdick and his ability to reproduce his handwriting through Miss Rosher since his physical death. He will also deal with the subject of "filling the gap," in regard to the further developments resulting from a scientific experiment within the orbit of Miss Rosher's ability to reproduce handwriting of someone no longer alive. He will give a summing up from the graphological and psychological points of view.

This indeed promises to be one of the most important meetings that the Fellowship has held in the research field.

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Mr. Hilliger asks if any Fellowship member possesses an epidiascope that he could borrow to illustrate his lecture. If so, will they kindly communicate with him direct at "Brambles," Triggs Lane, Woking, Surrey.

THE HAYES CONFERENCE CENTRE AT SWANWICK

MIDLANDS REGION CONFERENCE

In order to give our Midlands and Northern members an opportunity of holding their own Conference we have been able to arrange for a Fellowship Conference to be held at the Hayes Conference Centre at Swanwick, near Derby, from tea-time on Monday, October 13th, to after breakfast on Thursday, October 16th. We are fortunate indeed to be able to meet in this really beautiful centre situate in most attractive country not far from some of the best beauty spots in England. It has a 30 acre Estate comprising gardens and pasture with facilities for football, cricket, net ball and tennis and it can also boast of a swimming pool. Coaches meet trains at Derby Station and also collect visitors from the Centre for their return journey (2/6 per person). Swanwick is on the Main A 61 route, half-way between Derby and Chesterfield. Cars should turn to the east at the Swanwick traffic lights, and the Conference Centre is 200 yards down the hill. The main bus service for the Centre is the Trent No. 1 from Derby to Alfreton and visitors should ask to be set off at Hayes Lane, Swanwick (40 mins.) A trolley bus from Derby Midland Station links up with the No. 1 bus. There is a Conference Hall seating 350, 12 public rooms and a Chapel seating 200. Garage and parking for 80 cars.

This is really a wonderful opportunity for members to get to know one another and to pursue their studies under ideal conditions.

The programme so far arranged is:

Monday, 13th October—
8.0 p.m. Opening Address by The Archdeacon of Richmond (Yorks.)

Tuesday, 14th October—
9.15 a.m. The Rev. Bertram Woods, M.A.
Subject: "Healing in the New Testament."

11.0 a.m. The Rev. Allan Barham, M.A.
Subject: "Some Experiences of Direct Voice Mediumship."
(afternoon free for excursions).

5.0 p.m. The Rev. John Macdonald, M.A. B.D.
Subject: "Mind and Psychical Phenomena."
7.30 p.m. Any Questions.

Wednesday, 15th October—
9.15 a.m. The Rev. Charles Harrington, M.A.
Subject: "Expanding our Horizon."
11.0 a.m. The Rev. F. S. W. Simpson, M.A.
Subject: "Sensitives—their place—Past and Present."
5.0 p.m. Ben Herrington, O.B.E.
Subject: "Psychic Gifts."
8.0 p.m. The Rev. Canon A. P. Shepherd, D.D.
Discussion after each lecture.

The charge per day is 30/- per person or £3 13s. 6d. for the period, including all meals and lecture fees. Separate meals: Lunch, 5/-; Tea, 2/6; Supper, 5/-. Lecture fee for non-residents, 2/6; members, 2/-. All applications must be accompanied by booking fee.

Conference Secretary: Miss A. E. White, 31A Chapel Road, Worthing, Sussex.

OUR FOUNDER'S VISITS

On July 4th, Col. Lester visited Eastbourne and gave an address on the work of the C.F.P.S. to a full congregation at the Greater World Church. In the long period of questions that followed, considerable interest in our work was expressed, both by lay and clergy members of the audience.

On Wednesday, September 17th, he will give an address at Plymouth on: "Some Problems of Spiritual Healing."

On Tuesday, October 7th, he will speak at the Psychic Literary Luncheon at the Rembrandt Hotel, South Kensington.

He has also agreed to be one of the speakers at the big public Healing Service at the Royal Festival Hall on Saturday, October 25th.

His lecture at the College of Psychic Science which was to have taken place on September 24th, has had to be postponed to Wednesday, November 26th, at 3 p.m., when he will speak on: "The Churches and Spiritual Healing."

FELLOWSHIP HEALING RESULTS

A GREAT deal of the healing work carried out through the Healing Central Advisory Committee of the Fellowship, and the many regional groups, has to be confidential, which precludes us from reporting many of our successes with patients.

We are, therefore, very grateful to one of our members, Mrs. Mildred Taylor, of 1 Harewood Avenue, Bournemouth, who is willing for us to publish her name and address so as to fully authenticate her statement of cure.

Mrs. Taylor first wrote to Colonel Lester in March, 1957, asking for help, in which she said: "It would be wonderful if I could be cured, as it would be an example for our Group members, and also convince me that what I want to have faith in, is true. I have been having weekly treatment for over 18 months by the healers at our main spiritualist church here, but without result. But I still believe that the right person can help me. I suffer from pruritis—*there is no medical cure for it.* The specialist says deep ray therapy is inadvisable. I am 38 years old; for the last 3½ years I have suffered from pruritis, and the only temporary relief I get is with cortisone, but I seem to be getting less relief from that now. The irritation inflames and forms many small blisters which weep, and as one lot heals another lot break out. Even drugs don't help me to sleep.

"Regarding the cases of healing you mention in the *News Sheet,* may I suggest that whenever possible the name of the person be given, and if a member, their group. One always starts to doubt when cases are referred to as "Mr. B," "Miss W," etc. As for myself, if I get healed, everyone can shout my name and address from the housetops!"

Mrs. Taylor was allocated to the Southampton group, and in October, 1957, she reported that there was some definite improvement. Then in June of this year—about 14 months after her first healing from Southampton, she wrote to tell us she was cured. In her last letter she wrote: "I find it most difficult to express my gratitude and deepest thanks for the help and prayers the Group members have given me. I still have half a tube of cortizone left; I am so thrilled, I don't need it any more."

A number of quite encouraging reports are coming in from other groups, and from individual contact healing of some of our Committee members.

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The Hon. Secretary of the Healing Central Advisory Committee (Mrs. R. M. Lester), would like to remind those Study Groups which have not yet forwarded their quarterly Healing report for the period to July 31st, that she would be glad to have them as soon as possible. (Please note her new address which is given on page 9).

A STRIKING SERMON IN WESTMINSTER ABBEY

AN impressive and courageous sermon was preached recently in Westminster Abbey by the Rev. John Pearce-Higgins, when he spoke to his congregation on the subject of survival after death.

"Death is a timely matter and one would think that it would occupy the bishops at Westminster, but the Church has resolutely set its face against examining the modern evidence for survival," he said. "Nowadays few preachers preach about any sort of future life for fear of being ridiculed as teaching 'pie in the sky,' or, as Karl Marx says, 'opiate for the masses,' a phrase which was first said, not by Marx, but by an Archbishop in this Abbey."

Mr. Pearce-Higgins referred to the Doom pictures of death and damnation painted in the Reformation which have been perpetuated in the stained-glass windows of the churches. Invariably they depicted hell-fire torment for the damned and physical resurrection of the good at the last trump. He told of an Anglican vicar who rebuked a gardener's wife for not attending church, and upset her with a lurid picture of the future life that awaited such an infidel. When she told her husband, who was a sober, conscientious, good-living man, he said of the vicar: "Do not allow that man to come into our house again."

"The current church idea of hell is morally revolting to the average man," said Mr. Pearce-Higgins, "and even the conception of Heaven seems like a place that could not possibly exist, and no man would want to go to it even if it did exist." Referring to this idea of eternal torment, he said that most people today believe that sadistic and vindictive punishment of criminals is wrong. The enlightened view is generally held that rehabilitation is more important than the deterrent to crime. "Surely then it is unbelievable that our Heavenly Father would use a method that we think is unworthy. Dr. Guthrie once asked: 'What sort of Heavenly Government would that be where half the subjects were in prison?' Archbishop Farrer believed that there was some sort of intermediate state—between the extremes of heaven and hell—where man went to after death."

Mr. Pearce-Higgins added that in this world a bully is often venerated as a superman, and a pharisee called a saint. But in the next world we should be clothed in a body that expressed our character and then we shall all be found out!

SUBSCRIPTIONS

It would be of great help to us if members would very kindly remit their subscriptions if they become due in or near September and thus save us much time and postage.

THE ARCHBISHOPS' REPORT ON HEALING

It is not surprising that the Report of the Archbishops' Commission on Healing received a more adverse Press throughout the country than has been the fate of any other Commission of Enquiry.

Considerable prominence was given to the fact that our Hon. Secretary, the Rev. Maurice Elliott, a member of the Commission, disassociated himself with certain important sections of the Report, and extracts from the following statement by him were widely published in the national and provincial daily papers:

"I could not in my conscience append my signature to certain parts of the Commission's Report, viz., chapter III and Appendix D. Paragraph after paragraph displays a superficiality of approach which is bound to damage it in the eyes of the conscientious and informed reader. The language used betrays a subjectiveness and a censoriousness which are, at the best naive, and at the worst spiteful. Nowhere in these parts of the Report can I find the patient and unprejudiced investigation, nor the humility which should characterise any scientific approach to the examination of phenomena. By their judgment the Commissioners will undoubtedly be judged.

"What the authors give us with one hand they manage to take away with the other. Even their quotation from Mark 5; 24, and John 9; 32, which tell (a) of the woman who had an issue of blood 12 years, and (b) of the man born blind, both of whom Jesus healed, are followed by their comment: 'To say that a healing is medically extraordinary is not to say that it depended on some non-medical intervention.' The general public will be quick to note the obvious implication of such a statement. The authors then add their escape clause (for they are 'willing to stab but afraid to kill'): 'Conversely it needs to be said that a healing shown to be medically explicable is not thereby proved to owe nothing to a non-medical intervention.'

"The thinking public will apply all this to the healing records of the New Testament and will discover that the Commissioners have very little belief in them as recorded. The Report admits that the most remarkable and inexplicable cures can sometimes be a 'sign' to the unbeliever, but only if it becomes the means of evoking an 'act of faith.' But that is exactly what such healing nearly always does — far more even than do medical healings which are neither inexplicable, nor even remarkable, from the medical point of view. And note this: if healing is a 'sign of the Kingdom,' and an extremely important and powerful sign, the Church stands condemned for not having obeyed her Lord's injunction to 'heal the sick,' and thus preventing the people from having full access to the Kingdom."

The Press Association issued to daily newspapers throughout the country the following statement from our chairman, Col. Lester: "The Commission has undoubtedly lost a great opportunity in failing to give any real lead or guidance to the clergy as to how to restore to the Church the lost gift of healing. Furthermore, the Report is definitely biased, as some extremely useful evidence has been wholly omitted. The Commission has evaded the task of making any helpful pronouncement on the mass of evidence submitted by the extraordinary excuse that 'this Commission has neither the resources nor the scientific qualifications for such research.' We would ask what then was the purpose of the Commission being set up in the first place, and what the panel of 14 clerics and 11 doctors are supposed to have been doing for the past five years!

"We are convinced that the Report will prove completely ineffectual and most disappointing to clergy and laymen alike. We firmly believe that the Enquiry now being conducted by the Healing Central Advisory Committee of The Churches' Fellowship for Psychical Study, which will take about another two years to complete, will prove in contrast to be of real value to the clergy and general public."

One of our Hon. Vice-Presidents, Dr. Leslie Weatherhead, when addressing the annual Methodist Conference, strongly attacked the suggestion in the Report that sickness was sometimes the will of God.

Among the various other clergy who attacked the Report was the Rev. Frank Martin, who said: "The Report suggests healing should be left to properly qualified doctors and duly ordained clergy. For, it says, some helpers may have the gift but others are merely ignorant and incapable. The crucial point is surely not whether they are highly educated but whether they can heal. Waspishly the report deplores the theological errors... of most of the unqualified practitioners. Shouldn't the Commission have been more deeply concerned with their ability to cure the sick than their doctrinal correctness? This is Christian charity doled out on the trade union principles." Finally, he asks these two searching questions: "Is Harley Street afraid to admit that its patients can be cured by other means than drugs and surgery? Is the Church unwilling to recognise any healing outside its own doctrinal frontiers?"

FELLOWSHIP ANNUAL DINNER

THE SECOND Annual Dinner of the Fellowship was held at St. Ermin's Hotel, Westminster, on the evening of June 4th, and once again proved a most happy occasion.

Sir Cyril and Lady Atkinson, and Colonel and Mrs. Lester received the guests, who had an opportunity of mixing together informally both before and after the Dinner. Colonel Lester presided, and welcomed the President and Lady Atkinson. Sir Cyril then gave a short address to the gathering, and this was followed by the first toast of the evening, which was "The Churches' Fellowship for Psychical Study," proposed by Mrs. Ena Twigg. She said that, as she saw the Churches' Fellowship, it was a very necessary organisation. She continued:

"The clergy and doctors in your ranks will know the sensation when trying to speak to people whose loved ones have passed beyond their earthly sight, and when these mourners ask: 'Where have they gone? Where is this person that I loved?' they can tell them that they have not died, that they are really more alive than we are. In this way you can give a tremendous amount of help to ease the world's suffering. As we have it in Corinthians II: 'Spiritual things are spiritually discerned.'

"Among sensitives you will find all kinds of people and by their works you will know them. You must find out for yourself the integrity of a sensitive and how his or her character adds up, and if it is good, you will get transmission. Men and women are being used for this work by those in the Unseen without their knowing it. It seems to me that you people have a terrific responsibility to find out if you have any budding sensitives, and if you have, to help them to stretch out to spiritual things —not to be content with clairvoyance or clairaudience, but to find the real spiritual significance of the Beyond.

"I suppose a number of you are used to sitting with sensitives and I want to talk to you as a sensitive myself about how we feel with regard to sitters and enquirers. How do you go about your investigation? How do you prepare for a sitting? Do you go in a prayerful state of mind that you may receive some sort of guidance or do you go in a spirit of cynical half interest or criticism? It does not rest with us as to what you get; we cannot make anything happen ourselves, but if the conditions are right then things happen. It is you people who are enquiring and investigating who are preparing the ground in which we work. How can the people on the Other Side give proof to those who shut the door; but if you sit in a sympathetic attitude of mind, and respect for the sensitive's integrity, miracles can happen. I know that some people just dismiss these things by saying 'Oh! that is telepathy.' But there are hundreds of instances that they can analyse and they cannot cancel out these things. I personally know that we live on and that communication is not only possible but is happening all the time.

"But, some say, why should we of the orthodox church—laymen and clergy—need these things? Why is it necessary? I think it is necessary because it brings a very vital Christianity and religion to life; it gives us something that everyone of us needs.

"All the energy, enthusiasm, drive and complete honesty that one gives to the Other Side will help them to minister to our spiritual needs; and I am certain that you will be blessed a thousand-fold for anything you try to do to bring fresh truth and new understanding to this world of ours. It is needing spiritual comfort now more than ever before. May your Fellowship be blessed with everything that is constructive and good and I hope that in years to come many who come after us will live to thank Col. Lester and the others for bringing this Churches' Fellowship into being."

In responding to the toast, Colonel Lester thanked Mrs. Twigg for the sincere way in which she had proposed it. He regarded her as one of our most gifted Christian sensitives, from whom many in the Fellowship had derived great help. She had also carried out a great deal of valuable research work.

He said how encouraged we all felt at the headway we had made of late, even more in influence than in membership (although we desired both) but the one was a natural follow-on of the other. It had in the first few years been a slow though steady building-up, fraught with many difficulties, but pursued with courage and determination by those who had worked so diligently in our crusade within the Christian churches. He paid particular tribute to those of our Fellowship clergy members who had had the courage to restate the truth in the light of this new knowledge, sometimes at personal cost to themselves. There was no doubt that the yearning of the people for this knowledge arose from the wave of intense dissatisfaction with the state of this present world to-day. If there was a better world, they wanted to be assured of it. So much on which they have always depended seemed to be giving way beneath their feet. They were unable to get the assurance they needed from their churches, because in so many cases their clergy had no knowledge whatsoever of this subject.

"We can," said Colonel Lester, "sum up our aims in a nutshell, which are to restore to the Church the lost gifts of the Spirit and to spiritualise psychic science. We must never let it be thought that we are only concerned with the psychic at the expense of the spiritual. I remember the words of one communicator from the Other Side, who said: 'The possibility of communication with us, and your interest in us, must never be allowed to stand between you and your consciousness of God.' "

Speaking of our Study Groups, he said: "I think some of our more active Groups in the provinces are taking the right line. In districts where they find the clergy are apathetic, they are going all out to bring members of the congregations into the Fellowship, and through them their clergy are then forced to listen to us and take notice. Our Study Groups throughout the country are undoubtedly the backbone of the Fellowship. They enable members who are out of reach of Headquarters activities in London to have their own regional programmes, and many of them are expanding on a most interesting and valuable scale, and are providing excellent propaganda for us in the provinces."

The toast of "Our Guests" was proposed by the Rev. John Pearce-Higgins in his typically witty manner, and he warmly welcomed Mrs. Twigg, and Dr. Griffith Evans.

Mr. Pearce-Higgins said: "It gives me great pleasure to propose the toasts of 'Our Guests' tonight and I have seen them both working in their different ways. I was most interested in what Mrs. Twigg has just said that we must not stop at 'signs and wonders' but go on to the higher levels above. I heard Dr. Evans give a brilliant address at our Healing Retreat when I was persuaded to spend 2/6 to buy a book on Einstein; and I hope in the course of time I may be able to grasp what it is all about! Dr. Evans is one of those medical men who is prepared to look at these matters in which we are interested. Oh, that there were more like him! I can imagine that a doctor who is interested in psychical phenomena must have great difficulty in getting the medical profession interested.

It has given me great pleasure to come here tonight to meet you all and I hope we shall be seeing a number of you again at our Conference in West Hampstead in the autumn."

Dr. Evans, who responded, said: "At a representative medical conference in London last month it was suggested that if each speaker indicated his own background it would be easier to compose the considerable differences of opinion."

Dr. Evans then gave a most interesting address, which we shall publish in full in our next issue.

FELLOWSHIP CHRISTMAS CARD

This year we are again printing a Fellowship Christmas Card. On the outside will be a reproduction of the design shown on our *Quarterly Review* cover, and the greeting inscribed inside will read: "May Christmas and the New Year bring you every blessing."

The card will be of good quality, as last year but somewhat larger (5½in. by 4¾in.) The price including matching envelopes, will be 2/- per half-dozen, plus postage, and orders can be placed with Miss White. Also the cards will be on view and obtainable at the At Home, and a supply will be sent to Group Leaders.

We hope that each member will take as many as possible—at least half-a-dozen—and in this way they will not only be helping our funds, but also bringing the C.F.P.S. to the notice of those outside. Furthermore, they cannot get as good value in Christmas Cards at any of the shops.

EAST ANGLIAN CONFERENCE

The response of members and friends to our first Conference out of London was most encouraging. The Rev. F. S. W. Simpson and Mrs. Simpson loaned their Vicarage for the occasion, and every corner was fully occupied.

The Fellowship hopes to have some of the lectures copied for distribution to Study Groups and other members who would like them. Particulars may be obtained from Miss A. E. White, the assistant secretary, at our Worthing office.

The lectures proved especially helpful in providing a good basis for discussion. These included

"Filling the Gap between the Church and the People," by Sir Cyril Atkinson.

"The Religious Significance of Psychic Research," by the Rev. John Crowlesmith.

"Sensitives, their place, Past and Present," by the Rev. F. S. W. Simpson.

"A Philosophical Ramble," by Dr. A. Esler.

"The Psychical and Spiritual Approaches," by Miss Frances Banks.

All those present expressed the wish that a similar Conference may be held next year, and one of the lecturers has since written saying, "I came home refreshed in both mind and spirit."

MISS FRANCES BANKS, M.A.

NEW RESEARCH PROGRAMME

As study is the outstanding aim of our Fellowship, it is inevitable that the research side must be an important part of our activities. At the Council Meeting in July, new terms of reference were set up, and the Committee reconstituted. The Rev. Pearce-Higgins was re-elected chairman, and the Rev. Donald Bretherton was appointed Hon. Secretary. Miss Frances Banks, M.A. was also elected to the Research Committee and the Council unanimously approved the sponsoring of a programme of research which she has agreed to carry out, and which will later be incorporated into another of her books to be published on religious experiences.

In view of her many years of experience in psychological and other types of investigation, the Research Committee is extremely fortunate in having her assistance in this work. She has drawn up a questionnaire which covers psychical experience and survival evidence, direct experience in prayer, meditation and church worship, and religious upbringing. Replies will be dealt with confidentially, and may be sent in anonymously if preferred.

As many replies as possible are desired, and it is hoped that this research will supply some clues and correlations which may throw light on the field of spiritual and religious training from infancy onwards.

Wherever possible, Miss Banks is prepared to visit Study Groups during the autumn, and would combine her visit with the giving of a thought-provoking address on "The Psychical and Spiritual Approaches." Our Assistant Secretary, Miss White, would be glad to hear from Group secretaries if they would welcome such a visit, and if so, the time and date of their regular meetings, so that an itinerary may be drawn up with maximum economy of time and expense in travelling. The questionnaire will also be available for distribution by Group leaders, who should write to Miss White for copies. Will members who are not in a group, and are willing to complete the questionnaire, please write direct to Miss White for the form.

When the Rt. Hon. Lord Birkett wrote the foreword to Miss Bank's latest book: "Teach Them to Live," he said this of her: "To ordinary members of the general public . . . it will come as a revelation to find that there are people in the world like Miss Banks who are . . . in the fullest sense of the word dedicated souls. . . Miss Banks belongs to the selfless band of people who have felt a call to a great task. . . That is her real contribution—knowledge, vision, faith."

During 25 years in an Anglican Religious Order, Miss Banks was a lecturer at, and then Principal of a training college for women teachers in South Africa. In 1950 she was appointed Tutor Organiser at Maidstone Prison.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Will members note that the new address of Colonel Lester, Chairman of the Council, and Mrs. Lester, Hon. Secretary of the Healing Central Advisory Committee, is now:

"Roseland," 57 Petitor Road, St. Marychurch, Torquay, Devon.

CHURCH ILLUSTRATED

The monthly magazine, *Church Illustrated,* is giving a double-page illustrated feature on our Churches' Fellowship in the October issue. For this purpose photographs were taken of the Council members on the steps of Church House, Westminster, after our last Council meeting; of one of our Healing committee sessions in progress; of a Healing service in church; and of some of our research work. These pictures were taken by their official photographer, and by the Rev. Bertram Woods, who is also an expert photographer. The article has been written by Colonel Lester.

FELLOWSHIP REMEMBRANCE SERVICE ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS

In view of the desire expressed by all members attending last year's Remembrance Service of the C.F.P.S. at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, that this should become an annual event, a similar Service 31st (All Saints' Eve), at 6.30 p.m. Canon Edward Carpenter, of Westminster Abbey, will be the preacher.

Last year we had a large congregation of members and their friends, and we hope that this year an even larger congregation will attend. Plans are already being considered also for some regional Remembrance Services in November.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the C.F.P.S. was held at Caxton Hall, Westminster, on June 2nd. The hall was well filled, and there were interesting discussions on several motions.

Colonel Lester, who presided, welcomed the President, Sir Cyril Atkinson, who addressed the meeting. The Chairman said how much they all appreciated the steady and loyal support that Sir Cyril continued to give to the Fellowship, and how glad they were that he had agreed to stand again as President for the coming year. In briefly reviewing the past year, which had been a particularly busy and eventful one, Colonel Lester said that, although the Fellowship had progressed so much in influence, they needed to see a bigger increase in membership. As the organisation had grown, so had our expenses, and it was essential that the income should keep pace with the expenditure. If every present member would make a resolution to bring in at least one new member during the coming year, our membership could be doubled by the next Annual General Meeting.

Colonel Lester paid an especial tribute to the work of the Rev. Maurice Elliott, who had had an even more strenuous year than the previous ones, going up and down the country addressing all sorts of gatherings, as well as dealing with an increasingly vast correspondence. At the axis of our work was Miss White, and Colonel Lester said he continually marvelled at her unbroken enthusiasm and long hours of work; in fact, he thought she must almost eat and sleep with the work! Thanks were tendered to Mrs. Vivian, one of our founder members, who had once again given the use of her address for London correspondence, and had also taken on the work of arranging the ticket distribution for the Annual Conference, the Annual Dinner, etc.

In delivering his Annual Report, the Hon. Secretary, the Rev. Maurice Elliott, said:—

"I will not burden you with too much detail, but will just refer to some main points. I am sure you will all agree that the new layout of the *Quarterly Review* is in every way a great improvment on the previous News Sheet, and we have received dozens of letters of appreciation, both of the contents and of Mrs. Lester s design sketch on the cover. The *Review* is four pages larger than the News Sheet, and we could do with a still larger *Review* but this is made prohibitive at present by the cost of printing.

"We have had several quite outstanding Public Meetings since March of last year among which were the following:

"Dr. Soper at the Caxton Hall, which once again brought our Fellowship to the notice of the Methodist Church;

"Canon A. P. Shepherd's Lecture on Rudolf Steiner;

"Mr. Hugh Redwood, the famous journalist and preacher who gave a most inspiring address and told us about his miraculous healing, which he has since embodied in his book "Residue of Days."

"During the year I have addressed meetings in Birmingham, Cheltenham, Folkestone, Highgate, Isle of Wight, Kingsbury, Rickmansworth, Ripon, Southampton and Worthing, in addition to the many meetings which Col. Lester and Mr. Pearce-Higgins have taken. As the result of these meetings, six new Study Groups have been formed.

"Those of you who were present will remebmer that inspiring service at St. Martin-in-the-Fields which we held on November 1st, by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. Austen Williams, and we are pleased to announce that he has also given us the use of the church for a similar service on October 31st next.

"We had a large gathering to the Annual At Home, and everyone agreed that it was a most enjoyable evening. I am going to anticipate this year's "At Home" by reminding you that it has been arranged for October 10th, at the Caxton Hall, when we shall combine with it a "Bring and Buy Sale" to help our funds. All members are asked to bring a gift (already priced), and to buy something; and anything which is easy to sell will be welcomed.

"Our first Annual Dinner in May of last year was an unqualified success, when our two Guest Speakers were Brigadier Firebrace and Mr. A. N. Gilkes, High Master of St. Paul's School.

"In regard to County Representatives, since our last A.G.M. Mrs. H. Green has taken over the County of Essex. We have now five area Representatives. We should like very much to find representatives for Surrey and Sussex, but this is a difficult matter and needs certain requirements which very few of our members can offer.

"Our second Annual Conference, 9th/11th September last, at the Froebel Institute, was most

successful and a very happy and instructive occasion. Particulars were given in the December *News Sheet*, and all I want to mention here is that everyone present expressed a wish that this should be an Annual Conference, and, for this year we have been able to arrange to have the use of Berridge House (a Domestic Science College), in West Hampstead, on September 15th, 16th and 17th next.

"We have several interested members keeping a look-out for suitable premises for a London Headquarters, but the Council are not pressing this at the moment because they realise that the Fellowship is not in a position to maintain offices with a high rental and other charges at their present rate, although they realise what a great advantage it would be to have somewhere in London where members could meet and where the library could be housed. And here I want to express our very grateful thanks to Mrs. Wills, of Putney, who has kindly found a room for the books in her flat. This has been a great help to us, for we have no rent to pay and no salaried official.

"As all of you will know, the Council have been obliged to increase the minimum subscription from 7s. 6d. to 10s. 6d., owing to the higher cost of postage, telephone, printing and advertising, etc. In this amount is included the four *Quarterly Reviews*, which cost the Fellowship well over £200 a year, so that the subscription is comparatively still very low. The great majority of our members, of course, pay more than this and those who have kindly covenanted their subscriptions have benefited the Fellowship this year by nearly £200 over and above their subscriptions. May I remind you here that the subscription of 10s.6d. may be covenanted and if all members will kindly do this it will help considerably. It does not increase your subscription of 10s. 6d. but gives the Fellowship an additional 4s. a year, as if your subscription was 14s. 6d. and all you have to do is to agree to pay your subscription each year for seven years.

"You will be pleased to hear that since January of this year we have had 184 new members, and for the period from last March to March, 1958, we had a total of 340 new members. Unfortunately we have lost quite a number of elderly members this year who have passed on; a certain number who have resigned because they live in isolated districts and can never attend a meeting; some who have gone away and have not given us their new address; but this, of course, is bound to happen in any Society like ours."

Mr. Elliott then presented the financial statement, as set forth on page 12.

He said: "Our Auditors point out that we shall need about another £400 a year to meet the increase in the cost of everything. The additional 3s. subscription and the additional amounts on covenants will help towards that end, but we do want members to realise that we must think of schemes to increase our funds. If every member would give only 6d. a week more it would be more than covered, and surely this is not much to ask for such an important and urgent work as that which the Fellowship is doing. If you could hear some of the things that the members of the Council hear, both before and after taking Public Meetings, you would realise how vitally necessary the work of the Fellowship is, and how deeply grateful Church-members and others are for it, and you would feel that every sacrifice you make in helping us to get this knowledge over to the Clergy, Ministers and people is much more than 'well worth while'; it is an offering you make to Christ and His work."

In presenting the Research Committee's Report, Mr. Pearce-Higgins said that he had had little opportunity during the year to do any real research work owing to his heavy parish work and the additional work now on his shoulders as Chairman of the Committee of the Modern Churchman's Union. He had, however, visited several sensitives and had also read a large number of MSS. He felt more and more that the research work being carried on by the various local groups would become more important as time went on and that the members of the Council as a whole had not the necessary time to carry on this research satisfactorily themselves. He welcomed the experiences of individual members of the Fellowship, especially where the evidence was good.

"I am," he said, "perfectly convinced that these gifts of the Spirit do exist to-day, and that certain people do possess the power to contact those who have passed out of their physical body; but the Fellowship has to be very careful in evaluating the evidence and to make its investigations amongst those sensitives where there is reasonable chance of a Christian background."

Mr. Pearce-Higgins went on to say that during the year he had spoken at various meetings. He had addressed a meeting of 30 Clergy in Southampton, and spoken to an enthusiastic gathering of 80 men and women at the Parish Hall at Kew. One of the most interesting of his meetings was at Southlands Training College at Wimbledon, where he had an eager audience of 100 students.

The Report of the Healing Central Advisory Committee was then presented by Mrs. R. M. Lester, the hon. secretary. A very full and busy year had been experienced, during which the Committee had held five meetings. Our first One-Day Healing Retreat was held in September last year, and proved such a success that it was decided to make this an annual event, and a second one was

held in April of this year, both being at the Y.W.C.A. Club Hall near Tottenham Court Road. Each lecture produced a period of most interesting questionings and discussions.

At the second Retreat a very full discussion occupied one of the sessions, on the comprehensive questionnaire which the Central Committee had compiled, and which is now in the course of being circulated to all Study Groups and to all individual healers—both known and unknown, so that the information collated will enable us to discover whether there is an underlying pattern in spiritual healing, among the many varied methods and techniques adopted. It is estimated that it will take nearly two years to complete this research and to sift all the information received and resolve it into concrete form.

Mrs. Lester also reported that in addition to the London Healing Retreats and Conferences, several have been held in the regions. One was a combined meeting of the Exeter, Torquay and Plymouth Groups last March, which was attended by over 70 people including many of the local clergy. Another Healing Retreat had been held by the Liverpool Group, who were also now holding regular monthly Healing Services. Leeds Group is also arranging to hold a similar Retreat.

The Committee continues to receive the names of those requiring spiritual healing and records of these and of their progress are being kept. Mrs. Lester reminded Group leaders that they should report to her at quarterly intervals and give particulars of any case of special interest. Many patients have shown definite improvement, not only in their physical condition but also in their general outlook and mental attitude. We have three cases in hand at present for which there is no known medical cure, and the patients have been given only a short time to live, in which the doctors are co-operating and have agreed to give a full written report later when time has proved a cure. During the year Mrs. Jean Sydney had been elected Assistant Hon. Secretary.

The election of Officers then took place, the following being returned unopposed:

President: Sir Cyril Atkinson; *Vice-President:* Canon W. S. Pakenham-Walsh; *Chairman of Council:* Lt.-Col. R. M. Lester; *Hon. Secretary and Treasurer:* Rev. G. Maurice Elliott; *Auditors:* Hereward, Scott, Davies & Co.

There was one new nomination for the Council, the Rev. H. D. Oliver, M.A., of Highgate, who was unanimously elected. The new Council is now as follows:

Miss Frances Banks, Rev. Donald Bretherton, Rev. Charles Harrington, Rev. John M. James, Rev. McEwan Lawson, Mrs. R. M. Lester, Rev. J. D. Pearce-Higgins, Rev. F. S. W. Simpson, Mrs. G. Vivian, and the Rev. Bertram Woods, in addition to the officers already mentioned.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1958

	£	£
INCOME—		
Subscriptions and Donations ...	1,519	
Collections and Receipts at Meetings	128	
Profit on sale of Literature ...	23	
Sales of *News Sheet*	22	
Income Tax repayments (Covenants)	157	
Bank Deposit Interest	39	
Interest on 4½% Defence Bonds ...	14	
Profit on sale of Christmas cards and Conference Reports	7	
		1,909
EXPENDITURE—		
Printing, Stationery and Postages	338	
Meetings (including Hire of Halls)	98	
Publicity	26	
Travelling Expenses	199	
Salaries and Expenses	988	
Accountancy Honorarium ...	26	
Cost of production and distribution of *News Sheet*	282	
Office Rent, Light, Heat and Telephone	144	
Depreciation of Equipment ...	16	
Miscellaneous	85	
Chelsea Conference (net cost) ...	3	
		2,205
Excess of Expenditure over Income for the Year		£ 296

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31st MARCH, 1958

	£	£
Cash at Bank		755
Debtors and Payments in Advance		103
Equipment (original cost £186) ...		144
Investment: £1,000 4½% Defence Bonds		1,000
		2,002
Less—Creditors	76	
Headquarters Fund ...	2,229	
		2,305
Deficiency		£ 303
Accumulated Fund:		
Deficiency at 1st April, 1957 ...		7
Add—Excess Expenditure for the Year		296
Deficiency		£ 303

We report that we have prepared the above Account and Balance Sheet from an examination of the books and records of The Churches' Fellowship for Psychical Study and from information and explanations given to us.

HEREWARD, SCOTT, DAVIES & Co.,
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FELLOWSHIP SIGNATURE TUNE

We are indebted to one of our West Country members, Mr. Douglas M. Durston, for composing a signature tune that may be played at the opening of any suitable public meetings in London or the regions. Mr. Durston is well known in musical circles, and is Musical Director of the Central Hall, Plymouth. He is a Fellow of the Royal College of Organists, a Licentiate of the Royal Academy of Music, and a gold medallist of the Royal Schools of Music, London and of the Ostend International Festival, Belgium.

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BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS

Residue of Days. By Hugh Redwood. (3/10, cloth 6/6).

Travellers in Eternity. By Geraldine Cummins. (11/-.)

New Concepts of Healing. By Graham Ikin. (13/4). With Foreword by the Bishop of Lincoln who writes: "I welcome this valuable book wholeheartedly and with a sense of profound gratitude to the writer. The book faces frankly the problems and difficulties and is a strong plea for full co-operation between clergy, doctors and psychotherapists in the work of healing and wholeness. It is a book for all who are seeking to understand the truths of Divine Healing."

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FELLOWSHIP MUSICAL EVENINGS

Our very enterprising Exeter Study Group is arranging this winter a series of musical evenings to raise funds. This is an extremely good idea, that perhaps other Groups may feel inclined to emulate. Some of our Groups are already also planning Garden Parties for next summer, in the hope that the weather may prove kinder than during the past season.

To—The Assistant Secretary, 31A Chapel Road, Worthing, Sussex.

Please send full particulars of the Churches' Fellowship for Psychical Study to:—

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1. A Fellowship within all the Christian Churches which are affiliated to the World Council of Churches.

2. All members of these Churches are eligible for full membership. Members of other Christian Churches may join as Associate members.

3. Its object is:—

   (a) To afford an opportunity for Clergy, Ministers and Laymen to study to-day's psychical phenomena to see what relation, if any, they bear to the psychical phenomena in Holy Scripture.

   (b) To study all aspects of spiritual healing.

   (c) To form Study Groups for Members in cities and towns throughout the country in order that the Churches may become the psychical guides, as well as the spiritual and moral guides of Society.

   (d) To hold Meetings in Church Halls, Church Rooms, Public Halls, Drawing Rooms, etc., to enlighten the Public and to help them with the queries that are bound to arise when studying a complicated subject like psychical science, and to guide and instruct those who have "Gifts of the Spirit."

   (e) To circulate literature on the highest level of religious and scientific integrity.

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